

Proposed Amendments to the Specification

Replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 4-20 of the application, with the following paragraph:

The present invention is further directed to a telescoping boom support including a top side capable of receiving and fixing therein a telescoping boom modified for trimming vegetation, a bottom side, opposing lateral sides, a front end, a rear end, a first mounting piece in close proximity to the front end, the first mounting piece being adapted to connect about a free-end of a boom arm and a second mounting piece in close proximity to the rear end, the second mounting piece being adapted to connect about an end of the boom arm adjacent to and supported by an industrial vehicle. By "close proximity" it is meant that the mounting pieces are situated nearer to their respective ends of the support than they are to the center of the support. A pair of reels and a pair of rollers complementary thereto can be used in combination with telescoping boom support. The pair of reels ~~provides~~ provide a means of storing hydraulic conduit in a retractable and extendable manner while the pair of rollers provides means of guiding the hydraulic conduit into the telescoping boom. The placement of each of the pair of reels and each of the pair of rollers can be any place in relation to the telescoping boom support that allows for the retracting and extending of conduit out of and into the telescoping boom when the boom itself is retracted and extended and that does not hinder the movement of the telescoping boom support relative to any vehicle with which the telescoping boom support may be connected.

Replace the paragraph on page 6, line 9 to page 7, line 3 of the application, with the following paragraph:

Tractor 10, backhoe support frame 12, swing frame 14 and backhoe boom 16 are each of a type well-known in the art. Thus, tractor 10 includes, among other things, an integral hydraulic system consisting of a number of hydraulic pumps ~~11 (not shown)~~ powered by an internal combustion engine ~~13 (not shown)~~ and controlled by a set of levers 15. Backhoe support frame 12 includes conventional stabilizers 20 and 22 at opposite transverse ends thereof and upper and lower sets of horizontal plates 24 and 26 respectively, at the rear end of frame 12. Swing frame 14 includes upper and lower arms 28 and 30 respectively, adapted to engage upper and lower sets of plates 24 and 26 of support frame 12. Received in vertically aligned holes provided in the arms 28 and 30 and plates 24 and 26 are upper and lower pins 32 and 34 about which swing frame 14 is selectively swingable by means of a pair of swing cylinders 36 and 38 connected between backhoe support frame 12 and swing frame 14. Swing frame 14 further includes a rearward projection 40 to which backhoe boom 16 is attached by a horizontal transverse pivot pin 42 about which backhoe boom 16 is selectively vertically pivotable. For the purpose of vertically pivotable backhoe boom 16, there is provided a power-extendable and retractable linkage defined by an extendable and retractable hydraulic actuator 44 having its cylinder end directly pivotally connected to backhoe boom 16, as at 46, and having its rod end connected to swing frame 14, as at 48.

Replace the paragraph on page 7, line 20 to page 8, line 15 of the application, with the following paragraph:

Backhoe boom connecting portion 56 is positioned adjacent to the length of boom cradle 52 and forms a substantially flat, rectangular, metal plate. Opposite cradle 52, portion 56 includes a front mounting boss 80 as illustrated in Fig. 6 and a rear mounting boss 82 as illustrated in Fig. 5. Front mounting boss 80 includes a pair of aligned, spaced apart tubes 84 and 86 that are adapted to receive and connect with a forward mounting boss 88 permanently fixed to backhoe boom 16. Forward mounting boss 88 comprises a solitary tube having a length suitable to fit between and in alignment with tubes 84 and 86. Front mounting boss 80 and forward mounting boss 88 are connected using a pin 90. Rear mounting boss 82 on the other hand includes a single tube 92 adapted to be received by and connected with a rearward mounting boss 94 permanently fixed backhoe boom 16. Rearward mounting boss 94 includes two aligned openings 95 and 97 (not shown) that are spaced apart a sufficient distance to receive there between rear mounting boss 82 in an aligned orientation. Rear mounting boss 82 and rearward mounting boss are connected with a pin 96. Thus, tree-trimming attachment 18 is attached to backhoe boom 16 at forward mounting boss 88, i.e., the site typically used for pivotally attaching the dipperstick to backhoe boom 16, and at rearward mounting boss 94, i.e., the site typically used for pivotally attaching a hydraulic actuator to backhoe boom 16. This way, boom coupler 50 and backhoe boom 16 are removably attached such that relative movement between boom coupler 50 and backhoe boom 16 is prevented.

Replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 1-9 of the application, with the following paragraph:

Telescoping boom 54 is similar to the telescoping boom described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,441,070 to Boynum et al. Thus, boom 54 includes, among other things, an inner boom member 114 telescopically mounted inside an outer boom member 116 and a hydraulic motor 118 for imparting boom retracting and extending movements thereto. Mounted at an end of inner boom member 114 is a cutting assembly 120 consisting of a circular saw 122 powered by a hydraulic motor 124. Hydraulic motors 118 and 124 are supplied with fluid under pressure from the plurality of pumps ~~11~~. A block 126 is attached to inner boom member 114 adjacent cutting assembly ~~118~~ 120 for limiting the retracting movement of inner boom member 114.